

## UPSC Books – Best Books For IAS Prelims

There are two papers in Prelims (GS 1 and CSAT) and both are of objective type with negative marking. The best IAS books for Prelims are given below:

Subject	UPSC Books
History	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. India's Struggle for Independence – Bipan Chandra</li> <li>2. Facets of Indian Culture – Spectrum</li> <li>3. NCERT XI (Ancient &amp; Medieval)</li> <li>4. NCERT XII (Modern Indian History)</li> </ol>
Geography	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certificate Physical Geography – G C Leong</li> <li>2. NCERT VI – X (Old Syllabus)</li> <li>3. NCERT XI, XII (New Syllabus)</li> <li>4. World Atlas (Orient Black Swan)</li> </ol>
Indian Polity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Polity – M Laxmikanth</li> <li>2. NCERT IX-XII</li> </ol>
Economics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Economy by Nitin Singhania</li> <li>2. Economic Development &amp; Policies in India – Jain &amp; Ohri</li> <li>3. NCERT XI</li> </ol>
International Relations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NCERT XII (Contemporary World Politics)</li> <li>2. Current Affairs</li> </ol>
CSAT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tata McGraw Hill CSAT Manual</li> <li>2. CSAT II – Arihant</li> <li>3. Verbal &amp; Non-Verbal Reasoning – R S Aggarwal</li> </ol> <p>For more information on <a href="#">CSAT</a>, check the linked article</p>

## UPSC Books – Best Books For IAS Mains

Candidates who clear the Prelims reach the Mains stage of the IAS Exam. There are 9 theory papers in [UPSC 2021](#) out of which two papers are on the optional subject. Candidates should follow the important IAS general studies Mains books for the best preparation.

Given below are the best general studies books for the UPSC Mains:

Subject	UPSC Books
History, Indian Heritage & Culture [GS Paper 1]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An Introduction to Indian Art Part 1: Textbook in Fine Arts for Class XI</li> <li>2. India's Struggle for Independence by Bipan Chandra</li> <li>3. India after Independence by Bipan Chandra</li> <li>4. History of Medieval India by Satish Chandra</li> <li>5. Ancient India by R.S Sharma</li> </ol>
Geography [GS Paper 1]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Geography of India by Majid Husain</li> <li>2. World Geography by Majid Husain</li> <li>3. World Atlas (Orient Black Swan)</li> <li>4. Certificate Physical and Human Geography – G C Leong</li> <li>5. Fundamentals of Physical Geography NCERT Class 11</li> </ol>
Polity & International Relations [GS Paper 2]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Polity by M. Laxmikanth</li> <li>2. Introduction to the Constitution of India by DD Basu</li> <li>3. International Relations: Pushpesh Pant</li> </ol>
Economy [GS Paper 3]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Economy – Nitin Singhania</li> </ol>
Ethics [GS Paper 4]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude for Civil Services Main Examination by Subba Rao and P.N. Roy Chaudary</li> </ol>